

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment and remarks which follow are responsive to the final Office Action mailed April 20, 2005 in relation to the above-identified patent application. In the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 5-12, 20, 21 and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patel et al. (U.S. Patent 6,747,692) in view of Bunte et al. (U.S. Patent 5,821,523) in view of Anderson (U.S. Patent 6,532,039). Claims 3, 4, 13-19, 22-28, 30-32, and 35-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patel et al. in view of Bunte et al. in view of Anderson, and further in view of Kobayashi et al. (U.S. Patent 5,748,228). Claim 29 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patel et al. in view of Bunte et al. in view of Anderson in view of Kobayashi et al., and further in view of Piehn et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2001/0056342). Claim 33 was allowed. No other issues were presented.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 22, 26, 27, 30, and 35-38 have hereby been cancelled. By this Amendment Claims 2, 5-21, 23-25, 28, 29, 31, 32, and 34 now depend on allowed Claim 33. These remaining claims are thereby believed to be in condition for immediate allowance, since they now incorporate all of the limitations present in Claim 33.

In view of the foregoing, the application is believed to be in a condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any suggestion for expediting allowance of the application, he is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

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